JAPANESE SILK EXPORTS.

FOREIGN TRADERS PROTESTING AGAINST THE BOUNTY LAW PASSED BY THE PARLIAMENT.

Yokohama, May 16.—The feeling of foreign exporters here is at present strengly opposed to certain measures adopted by the Parliament in consequence of pressure brought to bear on various members of the Diet by a number of silk-

producers. Until December of last year the local silk market was in a bad way. There were then 15,000 piculs of raw silk, mostly of the better kind, on the market, and no purchasers. The Government, always ready to encourage and support the trade in the two great staple exports, tea and silk, intimated to the local Japanese banks that they should make advances freely on the raw silk unable to find at the moment a market abroad, and this went so far as seriously to handicap certain banks and call forth a strong protest. Half a dozen years ago two large corperations, composed entirely of Japanese traders, were called into existence in order to avoid dealing with the foreign middleman, and ship silk direct to consumers in the United States and Europe. It speaks well for the push and activity of these two concerns to find them now exporting annually between three thousand and five thousand bales, or more than any one local foreign firm except Messrs. Siber & Brennwald and another German firm trading under the style of Nabholz & Osenbrüggen. Now, the idea of the silk-producers was that, if their own fellowcountrymen could command the market and deal directly with the outer world, trade would not so greatly fluctuate, but would steadily improve. So their first duty was to interest members of Parthe Government to give a bounty.

A number of men deeply interested in the silk trade are also members of the Imperial Parliament, and so it came that, after considerable lobbying and much opposition on the part of those who better understood the situation, a bill was passed at the end of the session to the effect that the Government should pay henceforth, fect that the Government should pay henceforth, and for a certain limited number of years, a bounty of from 20 to 50 yen (\$10 to \$25) on every bale of raw silk exported directly by native producers or traders. It is worthy of note that this bill was passed before there was any knowledge of the extent to which the Dingley bill would go, and how high the tariff would probably be in future on silk piece goods and hand-berchiefs.

would go, and how high the tariff would probably be in future on silk piece goods and handkerchiefs.

Of course, the immediate result of this bill if it does, as in the natural course of events it would, receive the imperial sanction will be to stop foreign export trade in silk. For the receivers of the bounty will at all times be enabled to undersell their foreign rivals, and thus command the American and Continental markets.

A meeting of the Yokohama Chamber of Conmerce was convened toward the end of March, wherein the chair van spoke emphatically against the bill as proceed by the Imperial Parliament, and a recivition was passed to the effect that the Ministers representing the various treaty Powers should be requested to protest against the bill and urge an imperial veto. It is a question, however, whether such a veto would be constitutional; the Emperor might, however, use the imperial prerogative to keep the bill in abeyance.

Edwin Dun, dean of the Diplomatic Corps, has recently refused to take any action in the matter. He has been superseded by Mr. Buck, of Georgia, and it is understood that he feels rather keenly his retirement, and therefore hesitates to take any steps prior to the arrival of the new Minister. Other foreign representatives have been approached, and Sir Ernest Mason Satow, the British Ambassador, will probably take the matter in hand. Sir Ernest is a warm friend of the Japanese, and one of the finest living Japanese scholars; but this will not prevent him from having justice done to his fellow-countrymen.

At the time of writing the situation is one of critical interest, and it is the hope of Americans here that the new Minister will promptly espouse the part of the foreign silk-exporters. The Japanese papers indignantly condem any idea of interference by foreign Ministers, yet him that something might be done if the Dingley bill were toned down to suit Japan.

MAGISTRATE MOTT OBDURATE.

HE SENDS A MAN TO PRISON FOR USING SIPHON HEADS FOR HOOKS ON A CANOPY.

Ten days in the City Prison" was the sentence
"Ten days in the City Prison" was the Essex Marwhich Magistrate Mott, sitting in the Essex Marwest Point.

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**Leaves West 221 St. at 2 P. M. Returning by Hudson
River Bullroad trains, \$1.10. yesterday on a charge of violating the bottling law. The fact that Ichan had evidently committed the effence in ignorance of the previsions of the law, and that he had never been in court as a aw, and that he had hever been in court as a prisoner before did not help his case any. The Magistrate was obdurate, and refused to impose merely the small fine which is, as a rule, the sentence of the City Magistrates in cases of far more flagrant violations of the lew than the one in

Blum is an officer in a Jewish synagogue, and Blum is an officer in a Jewish synagogue, and was recently appointed to erect a canepy there such as is used in the Jewish service. After he had the poles in place, he discovered that there were no hooks on them to hold the canvas. Upon searching for some nails in the basement of the synagogue, B um acridentally found several siphons, and decided to break them and use the metal heads for heoks. This he did, and soon afterward a complaint that the law had been violated reached the Uptiwn Bottling Association, an agent was sent to investigate and Blum's arrest followed.

Blum almost fainted when he was led into prison, and he sat in his cell sobbing like a child.

lishing and Printing Company, publisher of "The Household Magnaine," was held yesterday at the office. No. 56 Bleeckerst, to see if anything could be saved out of the wreck of the concern, of which Carrington Thomson was president. He left the city about a month ago for Chicago. The affairs of the company are in a deplorable condition. As near as can be learned, the habilities are \$29,000, and no tangible assets. Mr. Thomson gave a mortgage for the company on the plant for \$5.432, which covered everything. Several executions have been issued against the company by creditors. There were about twenty creditors present yesterday. A committee was appointed to make an investigation into the affairs of the company, consisting of W. R. Sheffield, of the Steddard Paper Company; R. B. Atterbury, of Atterbury Bros., and H. R. Scoville, of the Western Nowspaper Union.

Judge Truax, of the Supreme Court, yesterday granted an order dissolving the Electric Railway granted an order dissolving the Electric Railway and made Temporary Receiver Arthur Ingraham permanent receiver. The liabilities were \$25,250 and assets \$5.611.

Judgment for \$620 was entered yesterday against Perrin H. Sumner in favor of Alexander Kenney in a civil action, tried in the old Court of Common Pleas on October 2, 1894. Mr. Sumner was sentenced to six years' imprisonment in Sing Sing on Thursday by Recorder Goff.

LEON, THE PRIZEFIGHTER, DISCHARGED, Caspar Leon, the prizefighter, who knocked out Edward Vaughn at the National Sporting Club, One-hundred-and-twenty-fourth-st. and St. Nicholas-ave., was arraigned with his seconds and bottle-holders in the Harlem Police Court yesterday afternoon, and all were discharged. Yesterday Police Captain Devery received a statement from Dr. Robeson, of the Harlem Hospital, to the effect that, although Vaughn was still detained in the hospital, he would probably recover. The Captain told Magistrate Hedges that the exhibition had been conducted in compliance with the law, but he had made the arrests to prevent trouble should Vaughn die.

8. Congressman Quigs will be present and speak.
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